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Species 1: lipophilic compound/particle is **A1)** peptide or polypeptide; **B1)** nucleotide and co-ferments; **C1)** vitamins, antibiotics, and hormones; **D1)** porphyrins; **E1)** metal-complexes; **F1)** purines; or **G1)** pyrimidines.

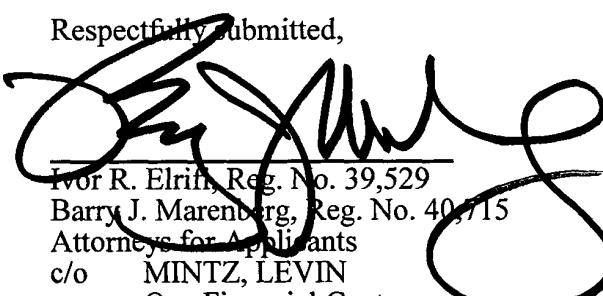
Species 2: amphiphilic polymer is **A2)** natural polysaccharide; **B2)** polyacrylic acid or its derivatives; **C2)** polyethylene imine or its derivatives; **D2)** polymethacrylic acid or its derivatives; **E2)** polyethylene oxide or its derivatives; **F2)** polyvinyl alcohol or its derivatives; **G2)** polyacetylene derivatives or its derivatives; **H2)** polyisoprene derivatives; or **I2)** polybutadiene derivatives.

In accordance with the Species Election Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect as follows: **Species 1:** the lipophilic compound/particle is **C1)** vitamins, antibiotics, and hormones; and **Species 2:** the amphiphilic polymer is **A2)** natural polysaccharide.

Claims 1-18 and 33-49 are readable on the elected species. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims and species in a continuation or divisional application and also respectfully reserve the right to traverse the Examiner's requirement of a restriction/election in a future response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Furthermore, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants understand that they may be entitled to claim additional non-elected species which fully embrace the allowed generic claim.

Should there be any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,


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